

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention.

By this amendment, independent claims 1 and 3 have been revised to more clearly set forth the invention. As revised, these method claims require the formation of an organic layer in an OLED device. Steps (a) and (b) in claim 1 clearly recite the feature of forming a rigid edge frame. Steps (a) – (c) of claim 3 also recite the feature of forming a rigid edge frame, but also employ a wire frame. The Examiner's objection should now be overcome.

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Graff (US Patent 3,074,832) in view of Bach et al (US Patent 2,556,787).

Graff relates to forming plastic window plates. A sheet of plastic material is placed under tension and secured to a rigid frame. As shown in Fig. 1(b) the plastic sheet is wrapped around the edges of the frame.

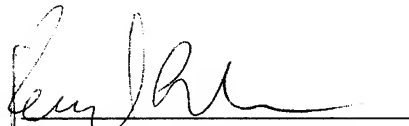
Bach discloses a process for making book binders. Individually spaced cardboards 4 are glued to a web casing material 1. Strips of backlining tape 8 is also secured to the web. The backlining tape permits the mounting of a book. The web is notched and these notches facilitate cutting the casing material. The casing material is then folded over and glued to the cardboards to form the book binder.

Applicant fails to see any suggestion in either of these references for transferring organic material from a flexible sheet of plastic to form an organic layer in an OLED device, as now set forth in claims 1 and 3. Graff is directed to plastic windows and Bach makes book binders. Applicant fails to see how these two very different, non-analogous technologies suggest themselves for combination. Even assuming they could be combined, there would still be no motivation to provide the rigid frame structures in claims 1 and 3 that are used in the process of transferring organic material to form an OLED device. Organic materials cannot be transferred from book binders or windows to form an OLED device.

It is believed that these changes now make the claims clear and definite and, if there are any problems with these changes, Applicant's attorney would appreciate a telephone call.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed none of the references, taken singly or in combination, disclose the claimed invention. Accordingly, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance, the notice of which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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